

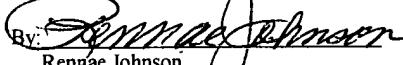
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SIEVERT Examiner: BULLOCK JR., L.
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Sir:

We are submitting herewith the following:

- Office Action Response, pages 1-9.
- Transmittal Sheet
- Postcard

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (USYS.027PA).

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004, please consider the remarks that follow. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The claims begin on page 2. No amendments are made to the claims; however, the claims are replicated below for ease of reference.

The Remarks begin on page 6.